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Docket No. 2629-4017

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): James ANTHONY, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Serial No.: 09/594,839

Examiner: Chunduru, S.

Filed: June 15, 2000

For: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BY TYPE-SPECIFIC HYBRID CAPTURE METHOD

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action (Paper No. 21) dated October 10, 2003,

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, a Petition for a one (1) month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) are filed herewith to extend the time for response up to and including February 10, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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